COVID-19 RELIEF

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Nevada's Third Congressional District with a plea to all of my colleagues:

We are now entering the darkest period of this pandemic. Americans are scared, and I don't blame them. Americans are also angry, and they should be. They are angry at Congress and this administration for failing to pass more relief for struggling families, frontline workers, and small businesses.

Thousands more Nevadans filed for unemployment during the last few weeks. Over 400,000 Nevadans remain at risk of eviction as housing assistance expires.

As this virus uncontrollably spreads in every corner of this country, our frontline workers and hospitals are overwhelmed with a tidal wave of new COVID-positive patients.

There is no more time for political games that have consumed Congress for months. There never was. I am pleading to my Republican and Democratic colleagues, to our leadership, and to this administration: It is time to do our jobs and pass more COVID-19 relief now.

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THE FOUR CHURCHWOMEN

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise this December in reflective remembrance and commemoration of the valiant lives of the famed four American churchwomen, who were brutally raped and murdered by the El Salvadoran military 40 years ago on December 2, 1980

Their names were Sisters Dorothy Kazel, Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, and Jean Donovan. Their mission, and ultimately their lives, were sacrificed to the service of the forgotten and the impoverished in El Salvador. These courageous women of faith were hallmarks of their community and their mission of accompaniment in the nation amidst turmoil

Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago, in the midst of a civil war, the U.S. Government funded and supported the El Salvadoran military that on December 2, 1980, murdered these evangelical saints. In their protection and companionship of refugee families, they were targeted as enemies of national interest in the country. These four women were nothing less than lionhearts of political and social righteousness that respected all people.

Mr. Speaker, in recognizing their legacy, I ask for a moment of silence as we recall, each time we mourn their names, the loss of these four saints.

HONORING SCOTT HORSFALL

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks)

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the decades of service of my good friend, Scott Horsfall.

Scott is retiring this month after decades of serving our agricultural community on the central coast of California. Scott's career has been spent serving farmers and farmworkers through his work at California Grown, at the California Kiwifruit Commission, at the California Table Grape Commission, and where I got to know him, at the Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement, where he was the first CEO.

With Scott at the helm for over the past 13 years, leafy green producers in California have operated under one set of science-based food safety standards. Over 6,200 government audits have been conducted, and more than 7 billion servings of lettuce and leafy greens have been grown and enjoyed by American consumers.

But it is not just about his accolades and accomplishments. It is about the relationships he has fostered and the work he has done to build strong relationships on the central coast and throughout our country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Scott for his work, his commitment, his dedication for our food safety, for our agriculture, and for our Nation's food security.

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, before I begin, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to come to the House floor tonight to commemorate National Bible Week. This year's Special Order marks the 79th annual celebration of a week in which we celebrate the tremendous influence of the Bible on the freedoms we enjoy today in America.

I am so thankful and blessed to live in a country where we have the freedom to worship and read the Holy Scriptures without fear. Many people across the globe live in countries where such freedoms do not exist.

Mr. Speaker, under our wonderful system of government, people are free

to respect and study the Bible, or any other system of belief, if they so choose—or even none at all. That is the beauty of the American way, and it is rooted in the deep truths contained in the Word of God.

In 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared the week of Thanksgiving to be National Bible Week. This is the time we set aside to recognize the Bible as a foundational building block of Western civilization, the Judeo-Christian heritage, and the ideas and principles that shape the thinking of our America's Founding Fathers.

The Word of God has had a profound impact on my life as well. I agree with the Psalmist when he says:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

This has been true in my own life as well. God's Word has shaped my thinking and deeply influenced my relationship with God. The Bible has indeed been a guiding light in every area of my life and a source of comfort and strength in a time of need.

In this hour, we will hear from Members of Congress from various faiths, traditions, and denominations to speak about what the Bible means to them. We are here, in keeping with tradition, to recognize National Bible Week.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER).

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have taken the Bible and God out of school. We are so smart. We have replaced Him with armed police officers, drug-sniffing dogs, and metal detectors.

We have kicked Biblical training and principles out of schools. And now, we have broken families, absentee fathers, single moms struggling, and disrespect like we have never seen before.

So much for what Jesus teaches us in the Bible: Love others as you love yourself. Or do unto others as you would have them do unto you, a/k/a, the Golden Rule.

Today's moral-less culture's motto seems to be, do unto others and then split, but not before you get a selfie and put it on Facebook.

Disrespect is rampant—witnessing the rioting in the cities recently, the burning of the American flag. The courts decided in their infinite wisdom that flag burning is a protected form of speech. All I ask of those who are going to burn the flag, wrap themselves in it first.

Mr. Speaker, courts have decided that you can't pray in schools, you can't pray at football games. We wouldn't want to invoke God's blessings on our gatherings. So much for the commandments in the Bible: Love, respect, duty, commitment, et cetera.

Our country has gotten away from Biblical principles. Marriages have been destroyed, drugs are rampant, killing of unborn children. So much the order of the day, that now the abortion crowd wants to kill people after they have botched an abortion.